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## Religion In School Issue Breaks Out

### Here's The First Eruption: Hanuka Barred In Classrooms

NEW HYDE PARK (P-O) — Resentment over the ruling barring Hanuka celebrations from the schools here if they interfered with Christmas programs has abated somewhat, but not altogether, with an admission by the school board president that the choice of his words in the decision was unfortunate.

In the original statement, Dr. Frank E. Picciano was reported to have said that Hanuka "should not be discussed in the classrooms at a time when it would interfere with the Christmas season."

Clarifying the original statement, made after a meeting of the school board last week, Dr. Picciano said he had spoken without preparation and that the views were "purely personal."

He asserted that "the board has no policy of its own in the matter" and that it is "merely trying to follow policies laid down by the state education department."

Representatives of six Jewish

organizations after a meeting on the matter, issued a statement terming the school board's action outrageous and containing overtones of uncalled-for hostility to the Jewish residents of New Hyde Park.

#### No Xmas or Hanuka In Schools Is Plea

CANTON, O. (P-O)—Canton's Jewish community has gone on record as being opposed to celebration of religious holidays in the area's public schools.

The Jewish Community Federation, representing the local Jewish community, dispatched letters to Canton city school superintendent Dr. John Niederhauser and Stark County superintendent T. C. Knapp explaining that religious observance in the public schools is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

In previous years, public schools here where there is a considerable Jewish enrollment have presented Christmas and Hanuka programs simultaneously.

ministry, and Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, will be guest speakers at the conference.

## DEFENSE IN BOMBING TRIAL SEEKS TO INVOLVE ALL JEWS

ATLANTA, Ga. (P-O)—Defense attorneys for the first of five men to stand trial for the \$200,000 bombing of The Temple here have indicated clearly that their aim will be to involve the entire Jewish community in the trial.

THAT THIS may not be too successful was seen from the response of Judge Durwood T. Pye to a question put to a prospective juror by one of the defense attorneys. Judge Pye told the attorney that "the Jewish race isn't on trial in this case."

James R. Venable sought to have the court subpoena the membership list of the B'nai B'rith in the state of Georgia, contending that the Order and its Anti-Defamation League "are interlocked and owned and operated by the Jewish race."

FIRST TO stand trial is George Allen Bright, 31. Four others indicted along with him will be tried later.

The men were indicted under

NEW YORK (P-O)—Sixteen of the world 43 "religious" leaders that are being polled by Israel on the question of "Who is a Jew" are from the U. S. The POST and OPINION learned this week.

AMONG THE MEN who received letters from the committee of three cabinet ministers asking their views on the religious identity of children of mixed marriages are Justice Felix Frankfurter, Judge Simon Rifkind, Rabbi Aaron Kotler, head of a famous Yeshiva at Lakewood, N. J.; Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston, leading U. S. talmudic scholar, Dr. Chaim Heller, and Prof. D. A. Wolfson, of Harvard University.

The dispute rocked the Israel coalition five months ago when a ruling was issued permitting anyone who designated himself as a Jew to be recorded as one on his Israel identity card. Two cabinet ministers, repre-

## Reform, Conservative Heads Hail Toledano Appointment

NEW YORK (P-O)—The presidents of the Reform and the Conservative rabbinate this week welcomed the appointment of Rabbi Toledano as Minister of Religions in the Israeli cabinet. Although not speaking in behalf of their organizations, Rabbi

a 1897 law forbidding bombings which could bring the death penalty.

## Navy Denies Plea To Shift Test Date From Saturday

NEW YORK (P-O)—Examinations for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, held annually on the Sabbath, were the subject of a second protest letter from the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox), this week.

The RCA's original protest, which asked for the designation of an alternate day for Jewish candidates brought the reply equating the rabbis' request with that of "other groups and individuals (who) for various reasons such as avoidance of severe weather conditions or participation in athletic and other school activities" ask for alternate test dates.

## TOLEDANO RESENTS PROTESTS FROM U.S.

TEL AVIV (P-O)—Rabbi Toledano, who is the center of a violent controversy for having accepted the post of minister of religions in the Ben-Gurion cabinet, told The POST and OPINION this week he resented criticism of his decision from American rabbis.

Confirming reports that he had received numerous letters and cables urging him to refuse Ben-Gurion's proffered post, the 79-year-old chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, asserted that these had come "even from American rabbis who have no right at all to interfere in internal Israeli affairs, as they are not Israelis."

sending the Religious Bloc, made up of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, resigned from the

Jacob P. Rudin, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) and Rabbi Isaac Klein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America (Conservative) told The POST and OPINION they heartily approve of the non-political appointment.

Rabbi Klein declared that when religion becomes wedded to politics, both suffer. He decried a situation where cabinet portfolios become rewards for political allegiance. He called for all matters of faith to be administered by people who stand above politics and hailed the new appointment as a step in the right direction.

## German Woman Wills Large Estate To Israel

JERUSALEM (P-O)—A German non-Jewish woman has left the state of Israel a legacy of a quarter million pounds.

In her will, the woman declared that her fortune was confiscated from the Nazis and she does not want it to fall again into German hands.

## Use of Foreign Funds Hit by Moshe Dayan

NATANYA (P-O)—Speaking to an overflow audience of 2,000 here, former chief of staff Moshe Dayan criticized the use of funds received from abroad. The dynamic military leader turned Hebrew U. student, charged that these funds had not been sufficiently exploited for productive purposes.

cabinet. They were Moshe Shapiro and Dr. Joseph Burg.

BASIS OF THE controversy is the ruling in Jewish law that the child of a non-Jewish mother must be converted to Judaism before he can officially be recognized as a Jew. Conversely, anyone born to a Jewish mother, regardless of the father's religion, is recognized as a Jew under Talmudic law.

The issue became acute with the influx of Polish immigrants to Israel in the last 18 months. Many of the wives of the immigrants were non-Jews, and Israeli officials sought a way to list the children of these marriages as Jews.

THE TEXT of the letter from the three cabinet ministers — Ben-Gurion, Bar Yehuda and Pinhas Rosen — made public in Israel—asked the recipients to keep in mind that persons of another faith married to Jews generally convert to Judaism on immigrating to Israel.

The letter pointed out that the Israel Declaration of Independence guaranteed freedom of conscience and religion and expressly forbids religious compulsion of any sort.

THE THIRD POINT raised by the letter was the need to create one nation and the avoidance of anything which might tend to rend the nation asunder.

In Israel, Ben-Gurion, in a sharp retort to former Minister of Religions Moshe Shapiro over the issue of secularism, declared that neither he nor his cabinet had sought to introduce into Israeli life a secular definition of the term "Jew."

REPLYING to the reported charge by the former Minister of Religions at the recent convention of the Religious Zionist organization in America (P.O. Nov. 28) that the Premier's coalition was seeking to foist a secular definition of the term Jew, Mr. Ben-Gurion, through an open letter to the press, chided the former Minister, reminding him that it was as important for a responsible religious leader to speak the truth as to guard against the eating of pork. The Prime Minister said that, as a matter of fact, his cabinet offered to postpone action on the status of children of mixed marriages until a ruling on the issue has been made by a commission of Jewish scholars.



Ben-Gurion

## UJA DELEGATES FACED WITH TWO IMPORTANT DECISIONS

NEW YORK (P-O)—Important decisions in two areas faced delegates to the annual United Jewish Appeal Conference here starting Friday.

THE TWO decisions were in connection with the emergency drive under which givers first must pledge an amount at least equal to their pledge of the previous year and then may pledge to the emergency fund which is distributed only to the UJA. The UJA study mission which will report on its recent trip to Israel will recommend the continuation of such a special fund, but probably will call it by another name, perhaps special needs fund.

The second decision has to do with communities which last year suffered declines in giving which they subtracted almost in toto from their allocation to the UJA instead of penalizing all beneficiaries equally, especially local causes.

THE RECOMMENDATION here, it is believed, will ask for some form of a pre-campaign commitment by the local communities, but whether this will be a request or a definite agreement will be decided by the conference.

U. S. Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) and two key leaders from Israel, Shimon Peres, director-general of Israel's defense



## AJCongress Won't Yield On Aramco Ruling

NEW YORK (P-O)—Doggedly refusing to give up, the American Jewish Congress this week filed an appeal in its claim that Aramco, the Arabian American Oil Co., refuses to hire Jews. The appeal was filed with the

New York State Commission Against Discrimination which ruled that Aramco could continue to screen out Jews for employment in Saudi Arabia.

The New York State Commission has ruled that Aramco is exempt under the "bona fide occupational qualification" and quoted a letter from the U. S. State Department which declared that a ruling against Aramco "would prejudice the company's operations" in Saudi Arabia. The State Department added that such a ruling would "probably adversely affect other U. S. interests there as well."

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## Mizrachi, Hapoel Hamizrachi Suffer Serious Blow

# Ben-Gurion Seen Outmaneuvering Religious Bloc In Naming Toledano to Israel Cabinet Post

By MOSHE KOHN

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Most knowledgeable circles in Israel were laughing up their sleeves, some hoped for the best and the National Religious Party and the Chief Rabbinate—in effect a wing of the Party—fumed last week after the Cabinet announced it had "decided to co-opt Rabbi Y. M. Toledano as Minister for Religious Affairs" to fill the post vacated last July by Mr. Moshe Hayim Shapiro.

Mr. Shapiro had resigned together with Dr. Joseph Burg, who represented the National Religious Party in the Cabinet as Minister of Posts, when the Cabinet approved a simple declaration of Jewish nationality for the Israeli Identity Card registration as a Jew. Mr. Shapiro is now touring the U.S. to raise money for the National Religious Party's forthcoming election campaign.

Those who laughed at Rabbi Toledano's nomination to the Cabinet were pleased at this "comeuppance" to the National Religious Party, which many even in religious circles believe has made religion in Israel a strictly party affair. At the same time they were pleased at this latest gambit of "the old man," as Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is affectionately known, in preparation for next year's national elections. For the cynics see the nomination of Rabbi Toledano, 78, and not especially noted as a communal leader, as nothing more than a bid to win for Mapai the country's grow-

ing Oriental and Sefardi electorate.

For if Rabbi Toledano, a respected scholar, is "non-political" in that he has heretofore not been identified with any party, few seriously expect him to be an effective Minister.

Those who hoped for the best, and these included religious circles who last July welcomed the National Religious Party's exit from politics, felt that despite his age, Rabbi Toledano was an experienced religious leader—he had served as Rabbi of Tangiers, Cairo and Alexandria before returning to his native Palestine to accept the appointment as Sefardi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv in 1939—in full possession of his mental and physical vigor. They also pointed to his long renown as a scholar—he is author of several dozen works of Jewish scholarship. They notably since the National Religious Party has left the Government, but also during the Party's reign, often expressed independent views on religious-political matters, he will as Minister also be able to keep Mapai in check.

The chances are now very good, they believed, that religion will once and for all cease to be a political commodity in Israel, to be traded at intra- and intra-party councils and to be displayed in full regalia only at election or crisis time. The worst that may come to pass, they believe, is that the National Religious Party will now also be forced to pay attention to matters of foreign affairs, economic policy, etc., and that religious Jews and all other citizens of Israel will now be able to choose their parties on other issues than which mode of prayer is to be allowed in the synagogues.

And if many of Rabbi Toledano's associates and friends called on him in his Tel Aviv home last Sunday evening to drink "Thayim" to him, and if Rabbi Isaac Nissim, the Sefardi Chief Rabbi of Israel—a maverick in his own right—sent Rabbi Toledano a message of reserved congratulations, National Religious Party and Chief Rabbinate circles generally fumed as befits a

party that suddenly finds itself quite irrevocably "out."

They joined the cynics in branding this as an outright political appointment whose chief purpose is the diversion of votes next year. They further declared that if he accepted the appointment, Rabbi Toledano would be contradicting himself, for he is a member of the Council of the Chief Rabbinate which last summer officially expressed its unequivocal opposition to the registration regulations over which the National Religious Party left the Government. By now entering the Government, they declared, he will be undermining the authority of the Chief Rabbinate in Jewish-legal matters and will, in effect, cover up for the Government in any anti-religious decisions, it may wish to take.

All circles—some in cynicism, some in wrath, and most in trepidation—felt that Mr. Ben-Gurion deliberately and Rabbi Toledano unknowingly were playing a dangerous game, that of setting group against group, the Sefardim against the Ashkenazim. One of the sore issues in intercommunal and interparty relations has been the low pay received from the Ministry for Religious Affairs by rabbis of the largely Oriental and Sefardi immigrant settlements. When Mr. Shapiro, as Minister, tried a number of times to receive a budget increase to raise rabbinical salaries, he was told by the fiscal authorities—Mapai—that the Government could not afford it.

Two weeks ago Mr. Ben-Gurion, in his capacity as Acting Minister for Religious Affairs, suddenly announced that the salaries of "Sefardi Rabbi and the Rabbis of the Oriental communities" would be brought into line with those of other rabbis. Toledano has charged the National Religious Party, and the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Chief Rabbinate which it controlled, with being "centers of anti-Sefardi and anti-Oriental" discrimination.

But whatever fears or derision are expressed at Rabbi Toledano's appointment, all but the religious professionals are satisfied that this marks a turn for the good with respect to the "unholy alliance" between religion and politics in Israel.

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## Cornerstone Laying Skipped To Avoid Disturbance: Glueck

LOS ANGELES (P-O) — Cornerstone laying ceremonies at the Jerusalem School for the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, which will contain a Reform chapel, were purposefully skipped in order not to encourage demonstrations from the Orthodox.

THIS WAS revealed in a progress report from Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of HUC-JIR, in the bulletin of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple here.

"I have refrained from having a cornerstone laying now, as other institutions are doing, because I am anxious for the building operations to be permitted to proceed as smoothly as possible and not to have demonstrations delay them," said the report.

THAT THE services in the chapel at the school will be fully Reform, perhaps modified to some extent by local custom and practices, was clearly indicated in the report.

"There is an intense interest in Israel in our project," the report asserted, "and an intense eagerness that our HUC-JIR Jerusalem School with its Re-

form chapel be completed. It has served and is serving as an enheartening evidence of our deep-rooted attachment to Israel, and our belief that Israel desperately needs and longs for the example and quickening of worship of God of our Fathers conducted in the atmosphere and philosophy of Liberal Judaism."

THE BULLETIN added that the school "will help answer the growing demand that exists in Israel for a modern interpretation of our faith which will appeal to the people of that land who cannot be touched by Orthodox Judaism."

### Polish Yiddish Theatre To Tour U.S. In Spring

NEW YORK (P-O) — The Polish State Jewish Theatre, a Yiddish-speaking theatrical group, will play before U. S. audiences beginning March 1 of next year. The troupe, the first from an Iron Curtain country to appear here since World War II, is being booked through the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

### 12-YEAR-OLD GIRLS ASTOUND DENVER

## Sightless Twins Learn to 'Read' Hebrew in 1 Year

By BOB GAMZEY

Editor, Intermountain Jewish News  
DENVER (P-O) — Judith and Susan Miller, 12-year-old twins, were born sightless, but in their ability to learn Hebrew, prayers and Bible, they are far from blind.

Last year, Judith's and Susan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Miller, asked Rabbi Samuel Adelman of BMH Synagogue if he could take the girls into the Rabbi Kauvar Hebrew School.

RABBI ADELMAN accepted the sightless children into the school where the teachers translated the Hebrew into English and the girls, in turn, transmitted the words into Braille.

By this system, in one year, Judith and Susan made such remarkable progress that they skipped from beginners' class to the grade with other pupils their age, the sixth. Then, as if their accomplishments were not enough, classmates elected Susan vice-president and Judy treasurer and charity collector.

AT THE ANNUAL Hebrew school fund-raising meeting of the BMH, Judith and Susan Miller demonstrated what they

learned in a year. With principal William Elefant, they took seats on the stage, read in their Hebrew Braille the Ashrei, daily prayer, translated Biblical verses into English, and sang a Hebrew song. Judy also played the piano and Susan the accordion.

Chairman Moe Miller, retired supermarket magnate, who personally took 141 cards and raised \$11,000 of the \$22,000 total, told the gathering: "Emotionally, I am upset. I just had the thrill of a lifetime seeing these girls show what they learned in our school."

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Seventy-one-year-old Gruening, who was territorial governor of Alaska for 10 years under Roosevelt and Truman, won easily over his Republican opponent.

The other two Senators are Javits and Neuberger from New York and Oregon, respectively.

### Rabbi Goldstein Feted On 40th Year in Pulpit

NEW YORK (WNS) — The 40th anniversary of Dr. Israel Goldstein as rabbi and spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun here will be marked by several events in the coming week, including a ceremony at City Hall where the distinguished Jewish leader will be presented with a Scroll.

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A strange Hanuka gift? "No," Lili says, "It's the most wonderful gift in the world."

### ON HIS WAY—

**JUSTICE WM. O. DOUGLASS** United States Justice William O. Douglass, youngest man ever appointed to the Supreme Court, will guest speak on Dec. 18 for CJA. . . 'Twas Douglass who in 1947 prophesied the emergence of Israel as "a new and great democracy."

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This week The Floridian Residence Hall opens its doors formally. It's a haven for the aged where the biblical saying "Thou shalt not cast the aged aside," is written on the door posts. Owner **MICHAEL SOS-SIN**, president of South Florida's B'nai B'rith Council, already has organized a B'nai B'rith Golden Age Group at the hotel—the first of its kind in the country.

### NEWS ALONG HOTEL ROW

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## AID TO ATTACKED TEMPLES DRAINING RESOURCES, SAYS REFORM FUND DRIVE HEAD

NEW YORK (P-O)—The Reform movement has "been deluged from all sides with appeals for counsel, guidance and material assistance as a result of the growing number of violent attacks on synagogue buildings," it was asserted by A. B. Polinsky, chairman of the combined campaign of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

IN A LETTER which declared that the UAHF has "been dispersing its staff to consult with congregation," Polinsky said this caused an unforeseen drain on its already meager financial resources.

The warning that worse days are ahead was issued by Polinsky, who wrote that although we hope these attacks will die out, our "Jewish experience forewarns us that more serious troubles may lie ahead and that we may yet be involved in a struggle for survival."

URGING adequate funds for intensification of religious and communal programs, the letter stated that welfare funds throughout the U. S. had contributed less to the Reform fundraising effort in each of the past three years. It called for a reversal of this trend and urged Jewish community leaders "to

consider that the struggle for Jewish survival is absolutely as much a struggle of our religious institutions as it is of our civic-protective agencies."

### DEATHS

## World-Famed Cantor, Moishe Oysher, Dies

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. and manager of the Kiryat Gat (P-O)—Moishe Oysher, 51, one of the world's most renowned cantors, died last week of a coronary ailment in New Rochelle Hospital.

Mr. Oysher, who gained wide reputation during his 21 years as a cantor, won the title of "a tenor or a baritone—or both" because of his wide range.

With his 11-year-old daughter Rozanna as narrator, he recently completed a long-playing record, "The Moshe Oysher Hanukkah Party." He also recorded "Moishe Oysher Seder" and "The Kol Nidre Night."

The cantor was also famed as a composer and actor, having appeared in motion pictures for the last 18 years. His last role, in 1956, was in "Singing in the Dark," for which he composed the words and music.

### ELIAS M. EPSTEIN

TEL AVIV (P-O)—Elias Epstein, 63, director of this city's Zionist Organization of America house, was mourned here this week.

Founder of the Palestine Weekly, forerunner of the Palestine Post and Jerusalem Post, Mr. Epstein took over direction of the ZOA house in 1953. He had served the Jewish National Fund from 1920 to 1953.

### I. CHORPI (CHIZIK)

CHICAGO (P-O)—Itzhak Chorpi (Chizik), 51, Israel consul in Chicago since September, died here of a stroke.

Appointed military governor of Jaffa in June, 1948, Chorpi shortly after took over as director general of the ministry of police.

He went on to become head of the Negev authority, manager of the Tel Aviv port, director of the planning authority

### Anti-Semitism Shunned By Germans: Adenauer

BERLIN (WNS)—Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of West Germany, declared here this week that he was convinced that there is no anti-Semitism in the Federal Republic and that "the German people as a whole disapprove of anti-Semitism, anti-Semitic discrimination or excesses."

### WHAT'S ON THE AIR

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HANUKA will be commemorated on CBS-TV's Church of the Air program with a musical narrative entitled "Hanuka of the Maccabees," scheduled for 10:30 p.m. EST on Sunday, Dec. 7.

HANUKA will also be the theme of two radio programs scheduled for Sunday. Rabbi Samuel A. Berman of Temple Beth-El, Jersey City, N. J., will examine "Faith Militant—Faith Triumphant" on the Message of Israel program at 10:05 a.m. EST over ABN. "The Maccabees," a dramatization of the ancient freedom-fighters' war against the Syro-Greeks, will be heard on the Eternal Light program at 12:30 p.m. EST over NBC.

### OTHER DEATHS

Dr. Philip H. Broudo, 71, for many years an active leader in the Zionist Organization of Detroit and a well-known Detroit physician. . . . Julius Klorfein, 79, former cigar manufacturer and realty investor, who worked with the late Samuel Gompers, American labor organizer, while a cigar maker; active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and the United Jewish Appeal. . . . Alexander A. Mayer, 74, New York lawyer and civic leader, former president of the Jewish Club.



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ceeds are helping them pay off their debts.

WHEN A REPORTER for The POST and OPINION came to visit a kibbutz which he had seen originally five years ago, he was shown the new dining room, and the fields where industrial crops, such as cotton, were now being grown.

"But the most wonderful thing of all," the P-O reporter

was told, "we are now raising bears."

"Bears?" was the reporter's exclamation.

His friend looked at him with amazement.

"Sh, sh," he said, casting a furtive glance over his shoulder.

"Pigs, the kibbutz is raising pigs. Secretly of course. Under the Jewish National Fund rules, we're not supposed to. Nevertheless, you have no idea how profitable they are."

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## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

## Now Bible Names Are Popular —Maybe for Jewish Babies Too

By HELEN COHEN

I notice in Good Housekeeping magazine a list of the 10 most popular names current for both adults and young children, here in America.

The most important finding for this corner, it seems to me, is that not just David, of Old Testament fame, but Joseph also are among the top 10 for young boys these days.

Now that our co-religionists are apprized of this fact, perhaps we may expect to find a few Josephs chosen for Jewish boy-babies. Michael, another cur-

rent favorite, too, should be counted among the Old Testament choice, but somehow it has become associated more with Ireland than ancient Israel.

ANOTHER INTERESTING facet of the listings is that while the male choice has remained rather steady through the years, with six out of the 10 still as popular now as when we were named (Robert, John, James, William, Richard and Joseph) only two have survived from the last generation as popular for naming girl babies (Mary and Margaret).

Of the Biblical girl choices we find Ruth popular with the older generation, while Deborah and Karen (?) are listed among the newcomers.

And if you insist on knowing the complete listing of current favorites, either check your copy of the magazine or write to me and I'll list them. Though I have a feeling the list doesn't include the very last word in names, especially for boys who might be expected to bear such titles as Rock and Tab, and even Ricky and Elvis, who knows what moves mothers to name their offspring anyhow?

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## HE NIXED RABBINICS; NOW DAVID NILLO DANCES LEAD IN 'GOLDLOCKS'

By JOSEPH GALE

At the time David Nillo, a handsome, brooding man of 37, was studying for bar mitzva at a synagogue in Baltimore, his mentor seized upon the notion that David had the stuff of which



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on a medical career for the boy, played fair and asked him. David declined, and that was that.

The other evening we visited the Lunt-Fontanne Theater in New York where Nillo appears as a principal dancer in "Goldilocks," a musical comedy by Walter and Jean Kerr, with Don Ameche and Elaine Stritch at the top of the cast.

LET US SAY at the outset that this is a smooth and glow-

ing show. It lacks punch, to be sure, but there are compensations in Leroy Anderson's tuneful score, the neat and novel dances of Agnes de Mille, and in the wickedly funny lines of the co-authors, who with Joan Ford, are responsible for a spate of irrepressible lyrics. If "Goldilocks" does not inflame the blood, it does create a small blaze of satisfaction for an evening spent well in fast-paced theater.

Nillo appears in costume throughout the proceedings. In one number he is featured, and in another he dances the lead. He is nimble and effortless, and his dancing shows the foundation laid by ballet — without which few dancers are worth their salt. What a pity ballet and modern dance in this country do not support the number

of really good people willing to undergo the privations that they do wonders to attain this most chimerical of goals.

The big break came for Nillo in "Call Me Mister," the post-war musical in which Nillo mixed in a distinguished company of like unknowns who were destined to become stars. There followed stage assignments, the formation of his own ensemble for night club dates, television commercials, other shows, and an opportunity to choreograph.

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Sarah

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the words "kosher" and "parve" for all to understand. The designation is also explained instead of being hidden away in some unobtrusive place as it often is. The foil carton helps preserve the freshness and flavor, too.

All in all, a product I am sure you will want to try. I am told there is extensive distribution of Mother's Kosher and Parve Margarine in all the major cities in the United States. If your grocer doesn't stock it, ask him to.

Of course, we all find parve fats most useful for the fleishig meal preparations. This product is excellent for mashed potatoes, as an example. Also, I suggest you use it to rub on poultry before roasting. It will tenderize as well as add that succulent brown skin we like to see on the roast bird.

For such meats as liver and

veal, of course, fat should usually be added because the meat has none of its own. In baking parve cakes and cookies for your meat meals, substitute this parve margarine for the butter called for in the recipe. Use fruit juice for the milk called for, and you will find you have an excellent result.

Below are some recipes I'm sure you will find useful.

### MRS. GOODWIN'S PIE CRUST

½ cup (1 stick) Mother's parve margarine  
1½ cups all-purpose flour, sifted before measuring  
4 to 6 tbsps. orange juice or water (ice cold)

Cut in the margarine using two table knives or a pastry blender until all margarine is coated with flour, and the mixture looks like crumbs the size of peas. Add the juice or water, a little at a time until the mix-

ture holds together. Do not use more liquid than is necessary. Chill one hour. Roll out on lightly floured pastry cloth or board. Divide in half for two-crust pie. Bake all pies in hot oven 400 to 425 degrees for 15 minutes before reducing the heat to 350 for whatever time is called for in the particular filling you use. Makes two 9-inch crusts.

### HERB VEAL ROAST AND VEGETABLE PLATTER

2 to 4 lbs. boned shoulder roast of veal  
1 clove garlic, peeled  
2 tbsps. flour  
1 tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
¼ tsp. savory or thyme  
2 tbsps. parve margarine for browning meat  
½ cup water  
3 medium potatoes, pared and cut into 1-inch cubes  
12 small white onions, peeled  
6 carrots, scraped and cut into 1-inch pieces  
6 large stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces

Rub the meat well with the cut clove of garlic. Combine flour and seasonings and rub into the meat. Heat the parve margarine in a 4-quart pressure cooker or Dutch oven and brown the meat in it, turning to brown all sides. Add more margarine if desired. Add water. Cover cooker and bring pressure up to 10 pounds. (Note: If you are using a Dutch oven, cook over medium flame, without water, but tightly covered, for 2 hours, or until meat is tender.) Cook at 10 pounds' pressure for 45 minutes. Reduce pressure and add vegetables. Cover and raise again to 15 pounds' pressure. Cook 4 minutes. (If using Dutch oven, cook until vegetables are tender crisp, about ½

hour.) Slice roast. Make a gravy by using an einbren made with 2 tablespoonsful of flour, browned for thickening. Serves six.

### VEAL BREAST PIQUANT

3 lbs. breast of veal  
2 tbsps. parve margarine  
2 onions, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1½ tps. chili powder  
dash of pepper  
2 tps. salt  
3 tbsps. vinegar  
¼ cup catsup or tomato sauce  
1 cup water

Brown the veal breast on all sides in a heavy kettle, using the melted margarine. Mix all the remaining ingredients and pour over the meat. Cover and simmer over low flame 1½ hours, basting from time to time. Serve with boiled rice or noodles. Serves four.

### PINEAPPLE PARTY CAKE

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. baking soda  
½ cup parve margarine (1 stick)  
¾ cup sugar  
dash of ginger  
2 eggs  
¾ cup canned crushed pineapple with the liquid  
1 6-oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate morsels

topping:

¾ cup canned crushed pineapple with liquid  
1 cup shredded coconut

Sift the dry ingredients together three times and set aside. Cream the margarine and sugar together, adding the dash of ginger. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Blend in the dry ingredients alternately with the crushed pineapple. Add semi-sweet chocolate morsels. Pour into well-greased pan 15 by 10 by 1 inches. Mix the topping and spread over the top of the batter. Bake 25 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool, then cut into bars about 3 inches by 2 inches. Makes 25 bars.

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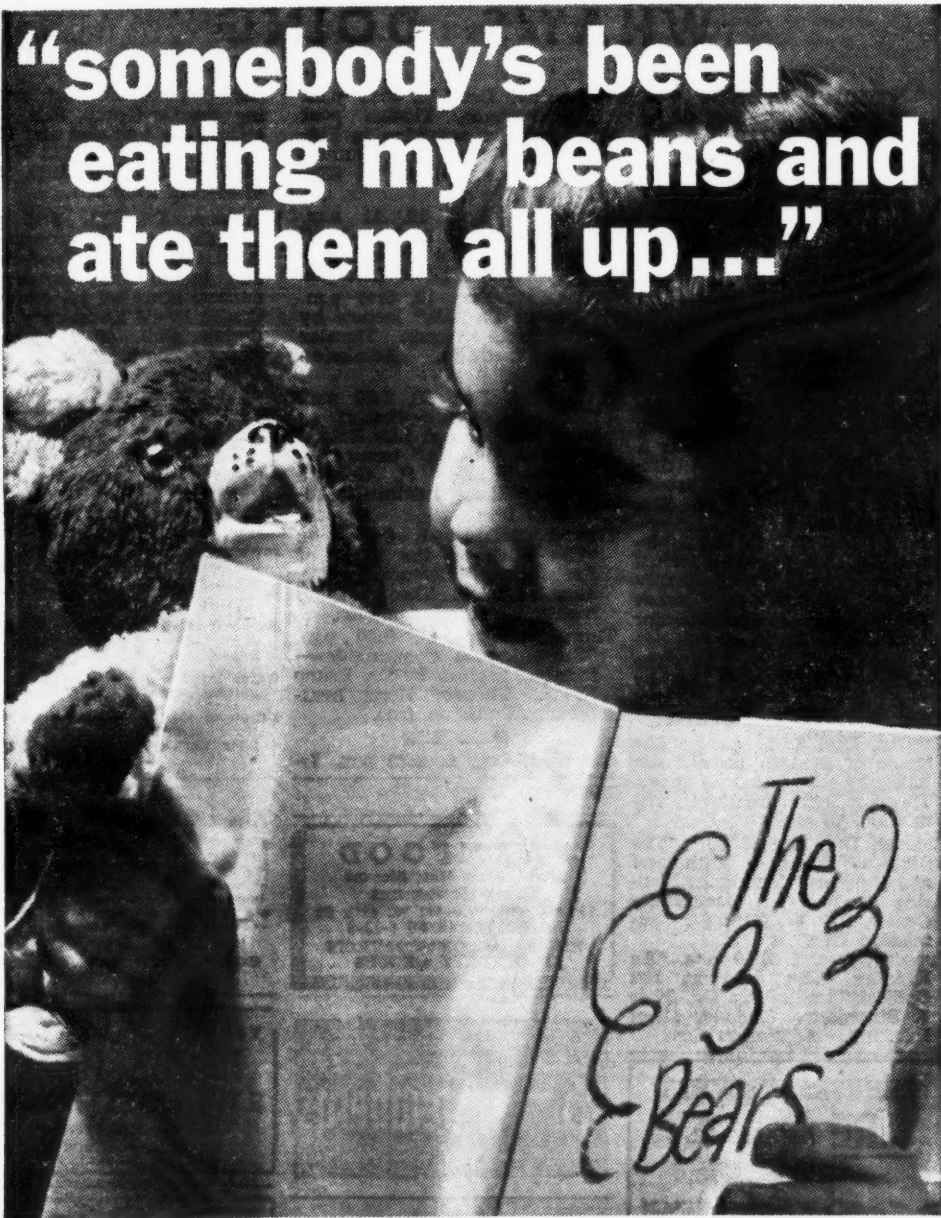
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**THE PEOPLE OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**, by John March Allegro, \$5.00 (Double-day).

Dr. Allegro, now teaching at Manchester, was among the first to labor on the famed Scrolls. His book is less a dissertation on people than an album of 189 photographs of places, persons, objects, and methods of preparation and decipherment of these documents.

Leather, copper, and ceramics all may suffer through time and accident—and the editing of their inscriptions is a compound of patience and the miraculous. A beautiful volume, introduced by chapters both historical and archaeological.

The pious parallax is not lacking; for Allegro sees in certain relationships between Jesus and the Essenes "a new era" and "the 2,000-year gap being bridged" between the Old and New Testaments. Such "continuity" is not scientific, but a matter of bolstering up previously held beliefs.

**THE ANGLO-SAXONS**, by Lester H. Gorn, \$3.95 (Sagamore Press, 11 East 36th St., New York).

That much of this novel of Israel's ar For Independence is autobiographical is unquestionable. Gorn was an American officer who became a commander in the forces of Israel, and saw

the action so brilliantly described in his battle scenes. The "Anglo-Saxons" are from the English-speaking countries.

His hero, Joe Kane, has the inevitable shiksa-mistress who follows him to Palestine and to the Negev settlement instituted by a friend of Kane's father. The author knows little of Yiddish or Judaism; he has one character blown to death by a mine because he would not light a flashlight on the Sabbath to preserve his life. But the story is intensely readable, and provides one of the best depictions of the young state's military tribulations to come out of the conflict.

**SIGMUND FREUD AND THE JEWISH MYSTICAL TRADITION**, by David Bakan, \$5.50 (Van Nostrand).

It is Dr. Bakan's contention that the milieu of Kabbala, Zohar, Hassidism, messianism, and all their cognate elements in Judaism gave rise to Freud's psychoanalytic discoveries and assumptions. To this end, he presumes that current anti-Semitism controlled Freud's thoughts and their expression, and that the wild conjectures of "Moses and Monotheism" were not errors but wilful defense mechanisms.

The book is valuable for its

scholarly portions, on Jewish mysticism (from Scholem and others), on false Messiahs, and similar historical and speculative material, but there is too much straining in trying to fit the mystique of psychoanalysis into that mold. Mystical ideas are always prevalent; Freud had some Jewish education and did not deny his origin, but his later interest in authentic Judaism was slight; and in general Prof. Bakan's aim is to fit facts, tortured if need be, into a theory. His book, however, though compounded of information and imagination, is a highly valuable contribution to Freudiana.

**THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RELIGIONS**, by Joachim Wach, \$4.50 (Columbia University Press).

It is the aim of the great-grandson of Moses Mendelssohn to remonstrate that his own faith, Christianity, is not altogether unique, but that all religions have important elements of similarity. Thus, comparative religion can be studied with the empiric objectivity of a natural science. Whether in idea or in practice, even the primitive religions show such resemblances.

Thus, Prof. Wach has created

a bond of interfaith understanding and sympathy; the student recognizes universal features among all. The analysis is comprehensive and brilliant, as further indicated by the copious notes and the bibliography. Prof. J.M. Kitawaga, who completed and translated the MS after Wach's untimely passing, has written an excellent introduction on Wach's life and thought.

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## HOW FAR WE'VE COME

Anyone who has lived through the past 25 to 35 years of American Jewish history, and has either watched it closely as a professional reporter, or actually played a role of his own in that history, will note the tremendous forward movement toward maturity of the U. S. Jewish community in that time.

**THIS IS EXACTLY** what Maurice Bisgyer, who has rounded out 20 devoted years as a professional—he's now executive vice-president—in B'nai B'rith has to say in an interview with Bernard Simon, public relations director of the organization.

Three paragraphs from the interview give you in a kernel the development of the Jewish community from one controlled by Jewish giants, to what we have today where to a great extent an alert Jewish community, fully aware of its role in Jewish history, led—but not by the nose—by men of dedication and devotion has assumed leadership in world Jewry.

**BISGYER HAS** this to say:

"The oldtimers appeared to be giants because there were so few of them. And, in a sense, they were—articulate and resourceful men who stayed in the limelight. They wanted Jewish unity, but each one on his own terms. I don't challenge their place in history. But it was worth your ego to be in the same room with too many of them at once.

"The present leadership is much more representative of the Jewish community. It is less self-expressive and more responsive to its constituents. Its efforts for K'lal Yisroel are more effective these days.

"The most constructive period in Jewish life over the past 20 years is right now. There is a growing sense of accomplishment and maturity in the community. The goals we talk about today would have been dismissed as impossible a generation ago."

## CAN YOU FIGURE THIS OUT?

Why is it that at any national Jewish convention one of the greatest Jewish contributions to civilization—the Sabbath—is almost always ignored by the delegates?

**WHY IS IT** that busy executives of some of the largest industries and commercial enterprises in the U. S. will give up three or four days for a Jewish convention, but not the hour or 90 minutes for a prayer service at the same convention?

This is a paradox which this paper is not the first to note.

**YET IT DOES** seem ridiculous.

When the national board of the American Jewish Committee met in New Orleans recently, it scheduled two meetings for Friday night. Not one of the big men of this fine organization went to services, and among them was the chairman of the board of one of our major rabbinical seminaries.

**AT THE GENERAL** assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Washington, D. C., the highlight of the convention was missed by most of the hundreds of delegates. The highlight was one of the finest sermons of the year, delivered by Rabbi Lou Silberman of Vanderbilt University.

Maybe 100 delegates who were fortunate to attend the services heard the sermon.

Business men are said to be guided only by cold, hard facts, in deciding on actions in the business world.

**WHAT THEN IS** the sense of working for Jewish causes if one ignores altogether what makes these causes worth working for? If Judaism isn't the reason, and the preservation of Jews and Judaism the sole business of all Jewish organizations, then what is?

## WE CAN DO WITHOUT THIS

Any national Jewish organization which is a membership body, invariably publishes a greeting from the President of the United States on the occasion of its annual convention.

**THIS HAS ONLY** one purpose now, since the impressiveness of a message from the Chief Executive has long lost any meaning, and this is as a paragraph for publicity purposes in the daily papers.

There was a time, we suppose, when Jews needed the confirmation that a message of the President gave them to bolster up their morale as equal citizens of the U. S. But fortunately, by now, this phase of American Jewish life has passed.

**IT MIGHT BE** well for our national Jewish organizations to understand this.

### HOLIDAYS and FESTIVALS

Holidays Begin Sundown of Previous Day

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Hanuka	Sunday, Dec. 7
Fast of Tevet	Sunday, Dec. 21
Purim	Tuesday, March 24
Pesah (1st day)	Thursday, April 23
Pesah (7th day)	Wednesday, April 29
Shavuot	Friday, June 12
Fast of Tammuz	Thursday, July 23
Fast of Av	Thursday, Aug. 13

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Rosh Hashana	Saturday, Oct. 3
Fast of Guedalia	Monday, Oct. 5
Yom Kippur	Monday, Oct. 12
Sukkot (1st day)	Saturday, Oct. 17
Sukkot (8th day)	Saturday, Oct. 24
Hanuka	Saturday, Dec. 26
Fast of Tevet	Sunday, Jan. 10

## The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

While in New York last week, we paid our first visit to the Herzl Institute, which more Jews should know about.

This is an education arm of the Jewish Agency, which conducts forums, issues a publication—Midstream—and has a full staff concerned on a non-denominational basis with spreading Jewish knowledge.

**THE INSTITUTE** is expertly conducted, and is a valuable educational adjunct of the Jewish community, in that it has no axe to grind, and is given a pretty free hand, even if it is supported solely from funds of the Jewish Agency.

The evening we attended a talk at the institute, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, head of the foreign relations division of the World Jewish Congress, was the speaker. To add to the zest of the meeting, Charles Roth, executive editor of The POST and OPINION, and S. Dingol, editor of The Day-Jewish Journal, were also on the program to challenge whatever they felt might be open to criticism in Dr. Perlzweig's talk on "Agenda for World Jewry."

**DR. PERLZWEIG** is an accomplished speaker, and a profound thinker, but if we were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who is his boss as president of the World Jewish Congress we'd make sure that Dr. Perlzweig made no public addresses.

**WE'VE HEARD** Dr. Goldmann speak so many times in the past few years that we hardly can count the number. He's like Abba Eban in the sense that you can hear Dr. Goldmann over and over again and never end marvelling at his wonderful grasp of various questions, and his ability to clothe his discussions in such facile language and with such great forensic skill.

**WE HEARD** Dr. Goldmann in Montreal before the Canadian Jewish Congress set forth

his view that until there was some agreement between the East and West on the Mideast no peace was possible in this vital area of the world. Later many other top diplomats adopted this same view. Since then we've followed Dr. Goldmann's various talks and always marvelled at his freedom from cant and his willingness to throw overboard what heretofore has been an almost traditional Jewish view on world politics, etc.

After we heard Dr. Perlzweig, we know who it was that discusses in advance approaches to problems with Dr. Goldmann.

**IT GAVE US** an almost eerie feeling to be looking at Dr. Perlzweig's scholarly face and hearing Nahum Goldmann's views. No doubt the two confer on these matters, and no doubt because they have the same general outlook, there is a meeting of minds on their feeling of what the needs are as far as Jewish activity is concerned in connection with world Jewish problems.

A boyhood friend from Louisville, Ky., Louis Slung, who writes under the pen name of Louis Sheaffer, is writing a comprehensive biography of Eugene O'Neill to be published by Little, Brown and Co., in the winter of 1962-63. Until we saw the painstaking way in which Lou is working, we never knew what scholarship was in the biography field. Lou already has been working for about three years—full time too—on the book, and as you can see he is four years away from publishing.

Lou is interested in any first-hand anecdotes, letters, other memorabilia or any information about O'Neill. So if you have any knowledge that might be helpful, please write to him under his pen name at 5 Montague Tr., Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.

## Hanuka: The Beauty of Japhet in the Tents of Shem

By **RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN**

KAM Temple, Chicago

If only Antiochus Epiphanes were a reasonable man, with only a touch of Socrates' compassion! If only the zealots who rallied around Mattathias were graced with a little of Koheleth's permissive, both-sides-of-the-street philosophy, the world might have been spared much agony and our western civilization might have been rid of some of its most neurotic conflicts!

But man in the mass prefers, it seems, to be swung like a pendulum from one excess to its opposite and to remain, like Sisyphus, forever beyond the reach of that cool delicious mean. Nerissa

Rabbi Weinstein was wise beyond her years when she counselled Portia: "And yet for aught I see, they are as sick that surfeit with too much as they that starve with nothing. It is no mean happiness, therefore, to be seated in the mean."

**BECAUSE OF** the failure of Japhet to live amicably in the tents of Shem, and of Shem to bear gracefully the beauty of Japhet, western man is still confronted with the prickly task of harmonizing within his mind and soul the heritages of Greece and of Israel. Greece opened for posterity the superb gift of the aesthetic imagination. She captured the innate rhythms of nature in forms of imperishable beauty. She imposed on neutral space the glory of the singing line and taught the eye to see and the ear to hear beauty where there had been only space and time.

Israel placed on nature the mantle of God's purpose and on man the imperative of ethical choice. He humanized the raw material of nature and placed the harness of moral purpose on the energies of man. He made duty a form of holiness and sublimated the instincts into the service of God.

**WESTERN MAN** has shuttled between his Greek moods and his Hebraic moods, since Christianity has seldom succeeded in properly harmonizing the Hellenic and Hebraic forces within it. He has given complete rein to the aesthetic imagination, so that it became an irresponsible paganism, and in more recent times, an amoral bohemianism; when form was its own excuse for being, irrelevant both to

content and purpose, and often contemptuous, if not hostile to ethical content and moral purpose. Periodic reactions to this excess have shadowed history with puritanic aridity and grim asceticism, when grace was vain and beauty deceitful.

What hideous contrasts there were between the soul sweeping beauty of the Gothic spire and the ugly sores of the mendicants and flagellants who gathered before the doors of medieval cathedrals! Not only aesthetic imagination but the search for truth has been hoisted on the horns of this dilemma. We have endured epochs when the intellect of western man became the chambermaid of theology and reactive periods when science became divorced not only from theology but from morality. The organization recently of three "Society for Social Responsibility in Science" is a case in point.

As we approach the festival of lights and rejoice in the Maccabean triumph, can we afford to be mature enough to mingle our joy with a little sadness and indulge in the hope that in the ongoing struggle between the aesthetic imagination and moral restraint, we may learn to embrace both in the educated heart, so that at last the beauty of Japhet may abide contentedly in the tents of Shem?

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# I THINK AS I PLEASE

## LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES TONIGHT—IT'S THE THING TO DO IN ISRAEL

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—I recall statistics issued not long ago indicating that the Israelis are the most movie-going people in the world. There is no television; people don't have cars with which to go on long trips, and besides you can't go very far in this little country. Hence, an evening at the cinema is by far the most popular form of entertainment.

Leave it to the minister of finance to exploit that fact. Another statistical fact which has stuck in my mind is that Israelis pay the highest entertainment tax in the world on their cinema tickets.

THAT DOES NOT stop them from crowding the movie-houses. In the first 10 months of 1958 no less than 395 films were brought into the country. In first place, as might be expected, were American pictures. The reader may be surprised to learn, however, that German-speaking films took second place. German is the mother tongue of hundreds of thousands of Israelis, and fluent though they may have become in Hebrew, they still find relaxation in a movie which they can watch and listen to without the slightest linguistic strain.

Let's go to the cinema tonight. First requirement is to purchase tickets in advance, because all seats are reserved. The price scale varies, depending on the location of the seats. The first rows closest to the screen are the cheapest, and the rate goes up the further back one sits. The really expensive seats are in the balcony. A fellow who takes his girl to the pictures had better get balcony seats or she won't think much of him.



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TICKETS ARE printed blank, and the cashier fills in the date and seat number from a seating plan in front of him. That slows down the sale of course, and explains the long lines at the box offices.

The average movie house plays two performances, one at seven in the evening and the other at nine. Many put on afternoon performances, mainly for the children, and at lower prices, of course. Adults will seldom attend the matinees, for one can't hear what is being said on the screen. Since the children don't understand English or German or whatever other language is being spoken, they concentrate only on their visual observation of the picture and of the Hebrew version of the dialogue as printed concurrently on the bottom of the screen. Under these circumstances they can crack peanuts, rattle paper bags, or carry on loud conversations with their neighbors without in the least disturbing their enjoyment of what is going on. As far as they are concerned, this might just as well be a silent picture.

AS USUAL, THE newsreel comes first. The less said about this the better. The "latest" news may often be as much as three or four months old. In an attempt to make both ends meet, the local newsreel companies include commercial sequences, and often make poor attempts to disguise the pictures as "news." Practically any organization, institution or agency can get its convention, public ceremony or other event included in the newsreel upon payment of 300 or 500 Israel pounds or more to the newsreel company.

We finally get to the feature event. Cinema-Scope has come to Israel, and the wide screen is

popular, but Cinerama, or Todd-AO, or other forms of the super-gigantic screen are unknown here.

HALF WAY THROUGH the picture there is an intermission. Before the lights go up we are treated to a succession of advertising slides recommending beauty parlors, haberdashery stores, cigarettes or various other brands of local products. During the 10 minute break that follows, about 20 per cent of the audience goes out for a smoke. The others relax in their seats, or buy refreshments from the little boys who run up and down the aisles. Chocolate-covered ice cream bars, or orange drinks are the popular offerings.

The lights blink once or twice, the youngsters scamper out of sight, the audience files back into place, with the usual quota of late comers who obstruct vision as they fumble for their seats in the dark, and the picture resumes, while we struggle to recall where the break had come, and what the transition is. Some day a daring theatre operator here will break with tradition and offer a picture straight through without an interruption, despite the loss of revenue from intermission sales.

AND SO WE see the picture through to its end. Sometimes we make a game of comparing the Hebrew and French subtitles with the spoken English, though that obviously detracts from concentration on the plot. Good pictures are not slow in coming here. On various screens last week were "The Bravados," scheduled for early showing is "Around the World in 80 Days." Other random pictures now showing are "Ten North Frederick," "Pal Joey" and "Bridge on the River Kwai"—not to mention revivals of "The Jolson Story" and "Gone With the Wind."

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## ADL Head Asks Correction, Reporter Says Story Accurate

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger and Rabbi Joseph M. Reich of Montgomery are certainly entitled to a correction of your story of Nov. 7 to the effect that I had quoted a Montgomery rabbi as saying that ADL has "no right to endanger one hair on a Jewish head to save Negroes."

I did not say that this remark was made by a rabbi from Montgomery, Ala., nor indeed did I mention the place from

which the rabbi who made this statement came. I was present at a meeting in the South when the statement was made but it was immediately rejected by another Southern rabbi. The only mention of Montgomery, Ala., in my talk was in reference to a Ku Klux Klan meeting which had been held in the vicinity of that city.

In all fairness to Rabbis Blachschleger and Rabbi Reich, I think you ought to print this correction of your inaccurate report.

HENRY E. SCHULTZ,  
Chairman, Anti-Defamation  
League of B'nai B'rith.

### Our Reporter Replies:

Our notes are always taken in long hand to avoid any inaccuracy that might occur if shorthand were employed. Checking our notes shows that all facts are accurately reported as printed in the Nov. 7 issue. If Schultz committed an error in delivery of the facts, in all fairness he is the only one who can correct the error by naming the city, or better still, unmasking the rabbi involved. Otherwise, the story stands as reported.

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